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Re Record of Substance of Interview with Examiner

Dear Sir:

Applicant is submitting the Record of the Substance of the Interview with the Examiner, as is required by MPEP 713.04. The interview with the Examiner was a telephonic interview on February 6, 2002.

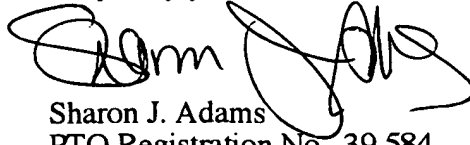
All of the pending claims were discussed. Applicant contends that the claims are allowable over the cited reference, Berglöf et al. U.S. Pat. No. 5,682,653 for all the reasons stated in Applicant's Response to Office Action mailed on 12/19/01. Applicant's attorney emphasized that the cited reference required more parts than Applicant's invention, and does not disclose that fewer parts may be used. Applicant's attorney also stated that there have been many examples of patents being issued to when the invention described a simpler, less complex invention.

The Examiner contends that all of the parts of Applicant's invention are included in the cited reference and therefore Applicant's invention is not patentable.

Applicant's attorney and the Examiner discussed the possibility of doing a "combination" claim so that the invention will be claimed in combination with a knife.

The Examiner indicated that this might be acceptable because the original application describes a knife, shows a knife in the drawings, and includes "knife" in the title.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon J. Adams', written over the typed name.

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